

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 12, and 13 are pending in this application, of which claim 12 is being amended. Claims 4-11 and 14 are being canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, as being drawn to non-elected Groups II and III.

Amended Claim 12

Claim 12 is being amended to correct a clerical error, and not for reasons related to patentability.

Species Election Requirement

During a telephone conversation between the Examiner and Applicants' representative, Mr. Richard V. Burgujian on July 20, 2005, a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute Group I, claims 1-3 and 12-14. Applicants hereby affirm this election.

Objection to Claim 14

The Examiner objected to claim 14 as depending from a non-elected claim. Since claim 14 is being canceled, this objection is obviated.

Rejection of Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, alleging that, because claim 14 depends from a non-elected claim, it is unclear what "subsequent stage integrators" are intended in claim 14. Since claim 14 is being canceled, this objection is obviated.

CONCLUSION

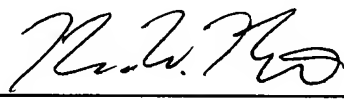
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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